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"CYLINDER's" REPORT ON A SECRET
SESSION OF THE FINNISH SEJM.

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To 8th Department.

"KLARA" (?)

On 3rd March of this year "CYLINDER" had a meeting with "CYLINDER [TsILINDER]" who reported that at a secret session of the Finnish Sejm on 2nd March of this year the Opposition obtained the promise of the Government that it would take positive steps to resume negotiations with the Soviet Government. Even TANNER [1 group unrecovered] in favour of resuming negotiations, but CYLINDER fears that the Finns will act with their typical dilatoriness and gross clumsiness. CYLINDER [Ts.] said [1 group unrecovered] that they [2 groups unrecovered] with a request "to clarify the Russian position and to ask them to be patient" since for many years distrust of Russian policy has become rooted in the Finnish people. In Finnish Government circles it is believed that there will be unpleasant surprises when a start is made in MOSCOW on defining the vague clauses of the agreement [USLOVIE] with the U.S.S.R. But when negotiations begin in MOSCOW, [no then] [2 groups unrecovered] [all the more so because then the Finns will begin to (appear) [1 group unrecovered] with Germany. Hence the dilatoriness of the

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Government. CYLINDER [Ts.] considers that the Finnish Army is not Nazi in disposition, [2 groups unrecovered] few officers not Nazi. General HENDRIKS [Ts.] in any case [3 groups unrecovered]. One of the decent people in the Government is considered by CYLINDER [Ts.] to be MANNERHEIM's son-in-law WALDEN, who for a long time has been an advocate of legalising the ratification of the agreement [SOGLASHEWIS] with the Russians. CYLINDER [Ts.] again repeated his view that it is impossible for the Finns to use force against Germany, since "there are no hostile feelings in the country towards the Germans". [1 group garbled] only when the Germans themselves begin to take forcible action can armed force be used against Germany.

Note: Evidently [1 group unrecovered] information CYLINDER [Ts.] [b] [D] which must [3 groups unrecovered] to Finnish Government is manoeuvring, wanting to win time. [2 groups unrecovered] not indicated, but CYLINDER [Ts.] is under the influence [1 group unrecovered] of these [b] [D] [3 groups unrecovered]

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T.N.: [a] alternatively "he [C] would approach", "they [C] are approaching" or "he [C] was approaching".

[b] or "CYLINDER's [Ts.] information".

KLARA

CYLINDER

VALERIAN

TANNER. Probably V. or TANNER, formerly
Minister

HENDRIKS. Possibly Lt Gen HEINRICH of the
Finnish Army

MANNERHEIM. Field Marshall MANNERHEIM, at the
time Finnish Commander in Chief

WALDEN. Late Finnish Commander in Chief
Lt Gen Karl Rudolf Walden

VALERIAN. Possibly the Finnish RAZIN. At Secretary
of the Soviet Legation in Stockholm